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Office Action Summary	Application No. 09/941,869	Applicant(s) ARNAUD, PASCAL	
	Examiner Gina C. Yu	Art Unit 1617	

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 07 August 2006.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 2-27, 31-42, 44-51, 53-58, 60-78, 81-95, 101-103, 105-107 and 109-112 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) 53-57, 60 and 61 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 2-27, 31-42, 44-51, 58, 62-78, 81-95, 101-103, 105-107, and 109-112 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

Continued Examination Under 37 CFR 1.114

A request for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, including the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e), was filed in this application after final rejection. Since this application is eligible for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, and the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e) has been timely paid, the finality of the previous Office action has been withdrawn pursuant to 37 CFR 1.114. Applicant's submission filed on August 7, 2006 has been entered.

Election/Restrictions

Applicant requests rejoinder of the withdrawn claims because these claims "ultimately depend on from the non-withdrawn claims". The examiner has required restriction between product and process claims. Where applicant elects claims directed to the product, and the product claims are subsequently found allowable, withdrawn process claims that depend from or otherwise require all the limitations of the allowable product claim will be considered for rejoinder. All claims directed to a nonelected process invention must require all the limitations of an allowable product claim for that process invention to be rejoined.

In the event of rejoinder, the requirement for restriction between the product claims and the rejoined process claims will be withdrawn, and the rejoined process claims will be fully examined for patentability in accordance with 37 CFR 1.104. Thus, to be allowable, the rejoined claims must meet all criteria for patentability including the requirements of 35 U.S.C. 101, 102, 103 and 112. Until all claims to the elected product

are found allowable, an otherwise proper restriction requirement between product claims and process claims may be maintained.

In this case, claims 2-27, 31-42, 44-51, 53-58, 60-78, 81-95, 101-103, 105-107, 109-112 are pending, of which claims 53-57, 60, and 61 are withdrawn from consideration. Claims 2-27, 31-42, 44-51, 58, 62-78, 81-95, 101-103, 105-107, and 109-112 are examined.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The text of those sections of Title 35, U.S. Code not included in this action can be found in a prior Office action.

Claims 5-10, 31-35, 37-42, 44-51, 58, 62, 63, 65-70, 81-83, 85-95, 101-103, 105-107, 109-112 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Nojima (EP 0548694 A1) in view of Mellul (US 5738841).

The independent claims, claims 62 and 101, are directed to a transfer-resistant composition comprising (a) at least one non-volatile hydrocarbon-based oil with a molecular mass ranging from 230 to 420 g/Mol; (b) a silicone component consisting of one or more enlisted non-volatile silicone compound(s) in the claim; (c) from about 0.1-30 % by weight of the composition of an inert particulate phase; and (d) from 0 to about 5 % by weight of the total weight of the composition of a volatile oil.

Nojima teaches long-lasting, oil-based solid cosmetic compositions comprising one or more polyoxyalkylene modified silicones and one or more cosmetically acceptable oils, pigments and fillers. See abstract; Tables. The reference teaches that incorporation of a volatile oil to a cosmetic composition reduces glossy appearance and stability of the composition. See p. 2, lines 10 – 22. See p. 4, lines 45 – 47 and lines 52

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– 54 for the types of fillers and the amount used. See instant claims 41, 42-45. The reference further teaches that the long wear of the composition results due to the increase in viscosity of polyether-modified silicone in the composition upon the application on the skin, which holds the pigments more securely. See p. 5, lines 10 – 17. Thus it is inferred that no volatile oils are used in the Nojima transfer-resistant composition. See instant claims 62(d), 101(d), 111 and 112, which read on zero percent of a volatile oil.

In claims 50, 51, 93, and 94, the terms and phrase which are directed to the intended future use of the composition are not given patentable weight. See MPEP § 2111.02. The terms “make-up composition”, “foundation”, “blusher”, “eyeshadow”, “care base”, “concealer product”, “eyeliner”, “mascara” denote the intended use of the claimed composition, rather than structural limitation of the composition. The terms “balm” and “lipstick” limit the invention of claim 1 to a solid composition. Nojima teaches in Example 1 a lipstick composition. See instant claims 48, 51, 94, and 95.

With respect to instant claims 103 and 107, it is noted that claims 62 and 101 recite a composition comprising a non-volatile silicone component as described in subpart (b) of the claims, and is open to include other silicone materials, subject to the limitation of (d), which limits the amount of any volatile oils present in the composition. Thus, the presence of polyether-modified silicone in the Nojima composition does not affect the applicability of the reference.

While Nojima generally teaches using hydrocarbon oils, the prior art does not limit the specific molecular weight range of the oils as claimed by applicant.

Mellul teaches a cosmetic lipstick composition comprising 60 % octyldodecyl neopentanoate (non-volatile hydrocarbon oil, MW 382.67), 0.1 % diphenyldimethicone (non alkoxyated non-volatile silicone oil), 5% alkyldimethicone (non-alkoxyated non-volatile silicone), and 12 % pigments. See examples 5 and 6; instant claims 5-10, 62-69, 91-95, 101, 103, 107. The reference teaches using octyldodecyl neopentanoate in 0.5-99 % by weight. See col. 2, lines 30 – 33; instant claims 32-35, 82. The reference teaches that octyldodecyl neopentanoate is “an excellent agent for compatibilizing silicone-containing compounds with each other, has good thermal and chemical stability, and makes it possible to obtain compositions with much oilier texture on application than comparison with compositions of the prior art not containing it”. See col. 2, lines 11 – 21. The reference further teaches that the ester has dispersant properties with respect to powders, and makes it possible to make a homogeneous dispersion. See col. 2, lines 21 – 24. The reference also teaches using at least one silicone-containing compound such as polymethylsiloxanes, alkyldimethicone, polyphenylmethylsiloxane, more specifically, phenyldimethicone and phenyltrimethicone; and silicones modified with aliphatic and/or aromatic groups, which optionally contain fluorine, or with functional groups such as hydroxyl, thiol and/or amine groups. See col. 2, lines 47- col. 3, line 5; see Example 3. See instant claims 103, 105, 107, 109, and 110.

Although Mellul mentions the functional equivalency of the above non-volatile silicone oils with cyclomethicone, which is a volatile oil, Nojima teaches that volatile oils reduce the glossiness and stability of the composition. Thus it is obvious that a skilled

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artisan would have been motivated to select the non-volatile silicone oils over volatile oils. See instant claims 103, 105, 107, and 109-112.

It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made modify the lipstick composition of Nojima by substituting the hydrocarbon oil in the formula with octyldodecyl neopentanoate as motivated by Mellul because the latter teaches that the ester is comparable with silicone, has good thermal and chemical stability, and provides homogenous dispersion of pigments and oily texture on application. The skilled artisan would have had a reasonable expectation of successfully producing a stable lipstick composition because Nojima teaches to use hydrocarbon oil.

Claims 2-4, 11-19, 21-27, 36, 64, 71, 72, 74-78, and 84 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Nojima and Mellul as applied to claims 5-10, 31-35, 37-42, 44-51, 58, 62, 63, 65-70, 81-83, 85-95, 101-103, 105-107, 109-112 above, and further in view of Jacks et al. (US 5690918).

Nojima and Mellul fail to teach non-volatile hydrocarbon oil having the MW limitation of instant claims 2-4 and the dispersant of the instant claims 11-19, 21-23, 36, 71, 72, 74-79, 84.

Jacks teaches that it is well known in cosmetic art that isononyl isononanoate (non volatile hydrocarbon oil, MW 284.48 g/mole) is used to make lipstick compositions. See Example 2; instant claims 2-4. The reference also teaches using 10.34 % of diisoarachidyl dilinoleate (dispersant) in the lipstick formulation. See Example 2. See instant claims 11-19, 21-23, 36, 71, 72, 74-79, 84.

It would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to have modified the lipstick composition of the combined references by substituting octyldodecyl neopentanoate and a diisoarachidyl dilinoleate with isononyl isononanoate as motivated by Jacks because the references are directed to lipstick formulations and Nojima and Jacks teach that these hydrocarbon oils are well known functional equivalents in lipstick art. The skilled artisan would have had a reasonable expectation of successfully producing a lipstick composition with similar effectiveness.

Claims 20 and 73 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Nojima and Mellul as applied to claims 5-10, 31-35, 37-42, 44-51, 58, 62, 63, 65-70, 81-83, 85-95, 101-103, 105-107, 109-112 as above, and further in view of JP 63119412.

Mellul and Fogel, discussed above, do not teach poly(hydroxyl-12) stearic acid.

JP 63119412 abstract teaches 12-hydroxystearic acids is well known in lipstick art, and that the compositions having 12-hydroxystearic acid along with polyhydric alcohol esters of rosin, fatty acids with polyhydric alcohol gives improved luster and good dispersion of color. See abstract.

It is generally considered prima facie obvious to combine two compounds each of which is taught by the prior art to be useful for the same purpose, in order to form a composition which is to be used for the very same purpose. The idea for combining them flows logically from their having been used individually in the prior art. See In re Kerkhoven, 626 F.2d 848, 205 USPQ 1069 (CCPA 1980). As shown by the recited teachings, the instant claims define nothing more than the concomitant use of

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conventional lipstick agents. It would follow that the recited claims define prima facie obvious subject matter.

Furthermore, it would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to have added 12-hydroxystearic acid as motivated by JP 63119412 because of the expectation of successfully producing a lipstick composition with improved luster and good dispersion of color, as taught by the Japanese abstract.

Response to Arguments

Applicant's arguments filed on November 16, 2005 have been fully considered but they are not moot in view of new grounds of rejection in part and unpersuasive in part.

Applicant asserts that the Nojima/Mellul rejection is improper because Nojima requires the presence of alkoxylated silicone compounds (polyether modified). Examiner respectfully disagrees. As discussed above in the rejection above, the claimed composition is not free of alkoxylated non-volatile silicone. It is the "silicone component" of claims 62 and 101 (b) that is consisting of non-alkoxylated, non-volatile silicones only. The scope of the composition itself is open to include the alkoxylated silicone compounds of Nojima. Furthermore, it is also noted that the claimed invention is not free of alkoxylated non-volatile silicone, as applicant's original disclosure does not support such limitation.

Conclusion

No claims are allowed.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Gina C. Yu whose telephone number is 571-272-8605. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Friday, from 8:00AM until 5:30 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Sreeni Padmanabhan can be reached on 571-272-0629. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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